

CS FOR HOUSE BILL NO. 226(STA)

IN THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA

THIRTY-SECOND LEGISLATURE -SECOND SESSION

BY THE HOUSE STATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Offered: 4/20/22

Referred: Finance

Sponsor(s): REPRESENTATIVES JOSEPHSON, Claman, Fields, Kreiss-Tomkins, Spohnholz, Schrage, Drummond

A BILL

FOR AN ACT ENTITLED

1 **"An Act increasing the salaries of certain attorneys and administrative law judges**
2 **employed by the state; and providing for an effective date."**

3 **BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF ALASKA:**

4 *** Section 1.** AS 39.27.011(k) is amended to read:

5 (k) Notwithstanding (a) - (j) **and (l)** of this section, the governor or a designee
6 of the governor may, on a case-by-case basis, authorize for a partially exempt
7 employee in the executive branch a higher pay than Step F. The authorization must be
8 based on a determination that the action serves a critical governmental interest of the
9 state, the employee possesses exceptional qualifications, recruitment difficulties exist,
10 or the action is necessary due to competitive salaries in the relevant labor market. A
11 determination made under this subsection must be in writing.

12 *** Sec. 2.** AS 39.27.011 is amended by adding a new subsection to read:

13 (l) Effective July 1, 2023, the amounts set out in the salary schedule contained
14 in (a) of this section, as increased under (e) and (f) of this section, are increased by 10

1 percent for attorneys under AS 39.25.120(c)(3) and the chief administrative law judge
2 and administrative law judges of the office of administrative hearings under
3 AS 39.25.120(c)(20).

4 * **Sec. 3.** The uncodified law of the State of Alaska is amended by adding a new section to
5 read:

6 TRANSITION: REGULATIONS. The commissioner of administration or the
7 personnel board may immediately adopt regulations necessary to implement the respective
8 changes made by this Act. The regulations are not subject to AS 44.62 (Administrative
9 Procedure Act). The regulations may take effect after the effective date of the law
10 implementing the regulation.

11 * **Sec. 4.** Section 3 of this Act takes effect immediately under AS 01.10.070(c).

12 * **Sec. 5.** Except as provided in sec. 4 of this Act, this Act takes effect July 1, 2022.